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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for detecting the presence of an individual behind a wall, comprising the steps of:

projecting a CW radar signal through a wall;

detecting portions of the CW radar signal returned by an object behind the wall;

determining the phase difference between projected and returned CW radar signals to generate a phase difference signal;

sampling the phase difference signal;

thresholding the sampled signal; and,

detecting when the sampled signal exceeds the threshold, thus to indicate the presence of a moving individual

~~transmitting the phase difference as a result of the definition to a remote location; and,~~

~~indicating the presence of an individual at the remote location when a change in the detected phase difference is above a predetermined threshold, whereby individuals moving behind the wall can be detected.~~

2. (Originally Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the frequency of the projected signal is constant.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 2, wherein the frequency is in a 900 MHz band.

4. (Originally Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the threshold is an adaptive threshold.
5. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 1, and further including the step of determining the location of a moving individual behind the wall from peaks in a graph of phase difference versus distance.
6. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for the detection of a moving individual behind a wall, comprising:
  - a frequency source;
  - a power divider coupled to said frequency source for outputting as a first output a CW signal of one predetermined magnitude for forming a radar beam and for outputting as a second output a CW signal of a diminished magnitude;
  - a circulator coupled to said first output;
  - an antenna coupled to said circulator for transmitting a CW radar beam towards said wall and for detecting radar returns from objects behind said wall;
  - a mixer coupled to said second output and said circulator for deriving a phase difference signal representing the phase difference between transmitted and returned signals at said antenna;
  - a sampling circuit for sampling the said phase difference signal;
  - a thresholding circuit for thresholding said sampled signal;

a detector for detecting when said sampled signal exceeds said threshold, thus to indicate there is a change in the phase difference between said transmitted beam and said returns, said phase difference indicating the presence of a moving object behind said wall; and,

a transmitter for transmitting the fact of the detection of a moving object said phase difference to a remote location.

7. (Originally Presented) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein said detector includes a processor for sampling the output of said mixer, a threshold detector for ascertaining when said change in phase difference of the output of said mixer exceeds an adaptive threshold, and a motion indicator responsive to the output of said threshold detector for the presence of a moving object behind said wall.

8. (Originally Presented) The apparatus of Claim 7, wherein the frequency of said transmitted signal is constant, thus to provide a single-frequency CW radar.

9. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein said single frequency is in a 900 MHz band.

10. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein said detector includes a threshold detector having an adaptive threshold detector.

11. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein said detector detects a moving object behind said wall based on a change in the phase difference between the transmitted and returned signals.
12. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said phase difference is sensed as a change in a graph of phase difference versus time.
13. (Originally Presented) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein said antenna is a directional antenna having minimal back lobes to prevent any motion behind said antenna from affecting said phase difference.
14. (Originally Presented) The apparatus of Claim 13, wherein said antenna is a YAGI antenna.
15. (Originally Presented) The apparatus of Claim 13, wherein said antenna is a planar antenna having conductive elements spaced from a ground plane.
16. (Currently Amended) A system of determining the presence of an individual behind a wall, comprising:  
a CW radar having a directional antenna adapted to project CW radar energy through said wall, and detecting returns from objects behind said wall;

a phase difference detector for detecting when the phase difference between CW energy directed through said wall and energy returned from objects behind said wall exceeds a predetermined threshold a change in phase difference indicating the presence of a moving object behind said wall.

a transmitter for transmitting the fact of threshold exceedance indicated phase difference to a remote location.

17. (Previously Amended) The system of Claim 16, wherein said CW radar operates in a 900 MHz band.

18. (Originally Presented) The system of Claim 16, wherein said CW radar is a single-frequency radar, whereby no clutter rejection is necessary and no long integration times are required.

19. (Originally Presented) The system of Claim 16, wherein said directional antenna has minimal back lobes to reject motion behind said antenna so that behind-the-antenna motion is not detected.